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Group Art Unit: 2624

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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR
BINARIZING AN IMAGE

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.56 and 1.97-1.98, the Applicants herewith transmit the attached Form PTO/SB/08a, including a copy of the foreign patent document which was cited in an Official Action received from the Korean Intellectual Property Office (issue date of July 24, 2006) with respect to related Korean Patent Application No. 10-2003-0006420, and which may be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application. An English abstract is provided as a brief statement of relevance of the foreign patent document to the above identified application as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98. A copy of the Official Action provided by the Korean Intellectual Property Office is also enclosed for the Examiner's convenience.

Since the present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to issuance of a first office action on the merits, no certification under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e) or fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is believed to be required. However, the Applicants do certify under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent

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The Examiner is requested to consider the attached documents in connection with the above-identified application, and to return a copy of the Form PTO/SB/08a to the Applicants with the Examiner's initials in the spaces provided.

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